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On February 27th, at Shanghai, JULIA HUNTER, Woodward to the Rev. JOHN WILLIAMS NICHOLS, DEATHS.

On February 21st, at Samatras, THOMAS RICH, son of the late John Rich of Shanghai.

On February 26th, at Shanghai, O. F. FISHER, aged 55 years.

At Sedan, France, Madame J. C. FERNANDES, formerly of Shanghai, mother of Mr. D. Percebois, Imperial Chinese Customs Service.

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HONGKONG, MARCH 3RD, 1908.

PROBABLY the last place where we should look for a panegyric of our old friend the China pony would be in the Homeric tale of the Siege of Troy; yet there is very little doubt that the horses of the Thracian king Rhesos, whom old Homer in the tenth book of his Iliad describes as the "handsomest and biggest" that he had ever seen, were really and veritably nothing else than the sometime despised, and to our modern eyes ugly Mongolian pony, who for the last half century has been winning, or losing, our money on the racetracks of modern China. Of course Homer spoke comparatively when he called the China pony handsome, but probably he was not so far out in his description as we might suppose. The horse, as we know him to-day, was in Homeric times of but recent introduction in the Mediterranean region. It was not till the beginning of the "New" Empire, about sixteen centuries B.C., that we find the "horse and his chariot" naturalized in Egypt, the highest equine type previously

having been the ass; and the horse came in with the primitive Arab hordes who, under the name of Hyksos, for centuries overran Egypt and destroyed the old civilization. The Mediterranean horse of Homer's day can have been hardly larger than our modern Shetland pony, who by the time of Herodotus had been driven to the wild regions north of the Danube, where he describes them as long-haired, small, flat-nosed, and unable to carry men. In fact nowhere in those early days do we hear of horses as having been ridden, but always as yoked to carriages, and not unlikely the first reason for this fact was their small size. These horses of Rhesos then struck the hard naturally as something larger and finer than he had ever seen, and it is interesting to look into their other characteristics. "They were whiter than snow," he tells us, "and like to the winds for speed," and the frames attached to them, for chariots as yet were not, were ornamented with silver and gold, while the king himself had harness of gold, "a wonder to see."

The story of these Thracians is not less interesting. They had lately come to help king Priam in his defence of Troy. Dolon, a Trojan youth, had been sent as a spy to report on the doings of the Greeks, and the number of their ships, and had been noticed by some of the enemy, who however, decided to let him go on, while they laid a trap to catch him returning; under evasive promises of safety they contrived to pump him, and get out information regarding the late arrivals, when, regardless of his word, Dionede rushed at him and killed him. The "Thracians" had, he learned, but recently arrived; they had come from a great distance, further than any of the others, and were under command of king Horsa, son of Eioneus (Honi), and were at the time resting themselves after the fatigues of the march. Amongst the old Greeks Thracians had a very indefinite meaning; it lay north of Thessaly, but how far it extended they knew not. Literally it was at the back of Beyond, and like that equally indefinite country was the natural home of wonders, so we need not be surprised that from such a region should have come these snow-white steeds. Now not many months ago (*Daily Press*, May '07) we showed how these snow-white horses were actually as late as the 4th century B.C. still living on the banks of the Danube, and that in all respects they answered perfectly to the Mongol pony of half a century ago. But more; in this same country, where these white horses ran wild, lived men whom the Greeks called Agathyrsi, and these Agathyrsi we have the authority of Herodotus for stating, were "most luxurious folk, and wear a profusion of gold." Having got rid of Dolon, the Greeks proceeded to attack these Thracians of whose whereabouts he had informed them. They found them, "sleeping, over me with fatigue; and their armour lay about on the ground, carefully piled in order in three lines. By each man was a yoke of horses, and in the midst slept Horsa, his swift horses tied by the reins to the outer rim of the carriage." The Greeks finding them at their mercy did not hesitate to attack the sleeping enemy, and had already killed twelve of them, while Ulysses, eager for plunder, drove off the horses towards the ships. The rout, however, awoke the rest of the sleepers, and the Greeks, in their turn taken by surprise, and thinking discretion the better policy, rushed for their lives back. Here they met Nestor, who seeing the steeds, and full of admiration at their beauty, thus addressed the band:—"Tell me, most excellent Ulysses, how in the name of fortune you got hold of these horses? They're just like the rays of the sun, and old a soldier as I am, I never yet saw such lovely steeds. Surely some of the gods must have sent them!"

As we mentioned in our former notice the China pony, insignificant as he seems in our time, really had his days of glory when he seemed to the old Greeks a meet gift for the gods. Homer's episode recalls the fact that even in his days, about 800 B.C., the horse, which we are accustomed to look upon as contemporary with man, had not yet reached the Mediterranean regions, and that the animal with which we are accustomed to connect the wars of the ancient Shetland, too small in those days to be ridden. The other animal, whose arrival was a revelation to the Greeks, and a model of all that a horse should be, was such a thick set, shuffling animal as was the Mongol pony of fifty years ago, before the treachery of the Chinese had rendered it necessary to send out the Indian cavalry to chastise the ill faith of the Taku Forts. But his history goes back still further to the time when he wandered over the half frozen steppes of eastern Europe, and was hunted for his flesh by the paleolithic

savages who then constituted the most advanced of humanity. Curiously the white horses of Homer have almost disappeared, and the Mongol pony of to-day, though still white is the dominant colour, would scarcely answer the description of being whiter than snow. The process has not, however been one of extinction, nor destruction, but the contrary one of improvement; and all this has taken place within fifty years, as contrasted with the tens of thousands during which the type remained unchanged.

Only one plague case last week leaves the small total of 14 to date. There were 35 cases of smallpox notified, of which 23 ended fatally.

A burglary at 14 Bascomfield Avenue was reported to the police on Sunday. During the night the premises of Messrs. Sayce and Co. were entered and cigarettes, razor, etc., to the value of \$52 were stolen.

On Sunday night a well-dressed Chinaman jumping from a car while it was in motion got in front of another car and was knocked down and rendered unconscious. He was taken to the hospital and died shortly after admission.

A legal notice in another column directs public attention to the judgment given by the Court of Appeal protecting the rights of the Pères (Chartreux) in the use of the word "Chartreux" to describe the famous liqueurs of their manufacture.

At the Magistrate's yesterday a soldier of the Middlesex Regiment was fined \$31 for assaulting a Chinaman and assaulting an Indian constable who intervened. A Japanese who attempted to interfere with the policeman in the execution of his duty was fined \$15.

At the meeting of the Sanitary Board this afternoon there will be submitted correspondence relative to two dead bodies found in the Blake Garden and correspondence relative to the removal of the conservancy boat station from Queen Street to Sutherland Street.

It is reported in official circles that the Chinese Emperor is so ill that H.E. Viceroy Tuan Fang has been ordered to send the well-known physician, Chen Lien-fang, up to Peking to give medical advice. Chen has been successful on previous occasions in prescribing for his Majesty.

A telegram from Peking reports that, with regard to the Japanese steamer "Tatsu Maru," which was recently arrested at Kiocho, near Macao, the Waiwupa has instructed Viceroy Chang Jen-chun to settle the matter with the Japanese Consul at Canton and the captain of the steamer in an amicable way.

The return of visitors to the City Hall Library and Museum for the week ending the 1st March, 1908, shows that of non-Chinese there were 231 to the Library and 198 to the Museum and of Chinese 116 to the former and 3,108 to the latter. The Library was therefore used by 4,000 persons and the Museum by 3,306.

The passengers by the P. & O. intermediate steamer "Borneo" which arrived yesterday included Mr. and Mrs. H. E. Oakley. Mr. Oakley is a brother of Mrs. H. E. Pollock, and has previously been stationed in Hongkong. He has now come out as Superintendent Engineer of the Admiralty Works, succeeding Mr. A. D. Shortridge, who returns to England this month.

It is noteworthy that as soon as the British ships had left the waters of the delta and the West River there should be another piracy, and that the robbers should have got off. The captain of a junk reports that he was attacked by some men who carried off sixty kerosene tins from his cargo and then disappeared. The papers have taken up the matter, pointing out that this sort of thing must not be allowed or foreigners will again interfere.

The "Sinwepao" states that Lord Li Ching-fang, Chinese Minister in London, has recently telegraphed to the Waiwupa stating that, in view of the action of the United States in reducing their share of the Boxer Indemnity, some members of the British Parliament are of opinion that the British Government should accede to the request of Chinese to hand back Weihaiwei. It is reported that the members of the Waiwupa were gratified by the news.

Owing to the protest of the President of the Ministry of Finance, Duke Tsai Tsch, against the flotation of a foreign loan for the reorganization of the internal administration of the three Eastern Provinces of Manchuria, and owing to the unaccommodating attitude of the Japanese with whom he has to deal, Viceroy Hsu Shih-shang has asked his friends in Peking to use their influence to get him transferred to the Capital. It is reported that the Central Government intends to send H.E. Chao Eri-son, Viceroy of the Hukwang province, to Mukden to replace Viceroy Hsu.

Three men, recently arrested on suspicion by the local Chinese guardsmen near the west gate of Shanghai Native City, when brought before the authorities acknowledged that they had been part of the band which attacked the steam launches during the latter part of January last, near Gungkiang. In consequence of this the men were sent on to Scotch Road and they were beheaded the next day by order of H.E. Jui Ching, Provincial Treasurer at Shanghai. The names of the three pirates were Wai Tung-lang, Li Kasi-tung and Tsai Wai Ching, and in their place of concealment near the west gate the guardsmen found two gold and about 1,000 cartridges in addition to gold and silver jewellery and some money.

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TELEGRAMS.

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OBITUARY.

LONDON, March 2nd.

The Marquess of Linlithgow is dead, aged 48 years.

[John Adrian Louis Hope, 1st Marquess of Linlithgow, was head of an illustrious Scottish House, being the eldest son of the 6th Earl of Hopstoun, and had a notable career, being at various periods Whip in House of Lords, a Lord in Waiting, Lord High Commissioner to General Assembly of Scotland, Governor of Victoria (1889-95), Paymaster General, Lord Chamberlain of H.M. Household, President Institution of Naval Architects, Governor-General Australian Commonwealth (1900-03) and Secretary for Scotland since 1905. He owned about 42,000 acres. The heir comes of age next September.]

INDIAN FRONTIER TROUBLES.

LONDON, March 2nd.

The Zakkakheis (Peshawur rebels) have submitted, and the troops sent to punish them are being withdrawn.

ABDICATION?

CHINESE EMPRESS DOWAGER'S PLANS.

Tokyo, March 2nd.

The *Kokumin* newspaper states that a report has been received at Tokyo to the effect that the Empress Dowager of China is about to abdicate the throne in favour of the Emperor, and that she has instructed Viceroy Chang Chih-tung and Yuan Shih-kai to act as advisers to the Emperor.

THE UNITED STATES NAVY.

LONDON, February 29th.

The Naval Committee of Representatives recommends the construction of floating docks to accommodate the biggest battleships; one in the Atlantic and one in the Pacific, also a naval station at Pearl Harbour, Honolulu.

SIR WILFRID LAURIER ON THE SITUATION.

LONDON, February 29th.

Sir Wilfrid Laurier, speaking in the Commons said that he did not apprehend any danger in the Pacific; Great Britain's diplomacy had been far seeing. He believed that America would evolve a satisfactory system in reference to the position of Orientals. The pelagic sealing however was unsatisfactory, because the Japanese were not restricted like the British, and could destroy the whole of the herd in five years. The Government was giving its active attention to this matter.

[N.C. Daily News Service.]

JAPANESE COMMERCIAL ENTERPRISE UP TO DATE.

Tokyo, February 25th.

The Japanese Spinning Union is offering \$50,000 in prizes for a bi-monthly competition from March onwards. Tickets are to be obtainable in Shanghai.

The authorities are unable legally to prohibit the enterprise, but deprecate the idea as disgraceful to Japan's main enterprise, and also point out that counter competition by Anglo-Indian firms will inevitably follow.

MACAO.

REQUISITE SERVICE.

A Requisite service was held at the Cathedral on Saturday morning for the repose of the souls of the late King and Crown Prince of Portugal. After the service a military guard in the Church compound discharged a volley and the Monte forts fired the royal salute of 21 guns.

A SEQUEL?

Since the seizure of the Japanese steamer "Tatsu Maru" by the Chinese authorities orders have been given by the Colonial authorities of Macao that the Lappa Customs launches must not enter the territorial waters of Macao unless permission has been first obtained from the Portuguese authorities.

NAVAL NEWS.

H. M. S. "Moorhen" is now in the harbour. The Portuguese gunboat "Rio Lima" has left on a cruise.

WEATHER REPORT.

On the 2nd at 11.50 A.M.—The barometer has fallen rapidly in E. Japan owing to the depression which is moving away over the Pacific to the South of Hokkaido.

Pressure has increased slightly in N. China and S. Japan. It is highest over N. China. Gradients are slight to moderate, and fresh monsoon may be expected in the Forosa Channel and the China Sea.

Hongkong rainfall for the 24 hours ending at 10 a.m. to-day, 0.00 inches.

The forecast for the 24 hours ending at noon to-day is as follows:—

Hongkong & Neighbourhood	E. winds, fresh; fair, misty.
Forosa Channel	N.E. winds, fresh.
South coast of China between Hongkong and Lamooka	Same as No. 1.
South coast of China between Hongkong and Hainan	Same as No. 1.

SUPREME COURT.

Monday, 2nd March.

IN ORIGINAL JURISDICTION.

BEFORE THE CHIEF JUSTICE (SIR F. POLLOCK).

A NEW BARRISTER.

The Hon. Mr. H. E. Pollock, K.C., moved that Mr. Joseph Anderson formerly known as Hung Kwok Leung be approved, admitted and enrolled to practice as a barrister in that honourable court. He said that his Lordship had before him the affidavits and declaration which had been made in the matter, from which his Lordship would see that Mr. Anderson was admitted at Lincoln's Inn on the 27th May 1906. There were also the affidavits of identity by the Hon. Mr. Wei Yek and Mr. Ho Tung, and his Lordship would find on the file an affidavit by Mr. Dixon of Messrs Hastings and Hastings in which he annexed the deposition that Hung Kwok Leung had adopted the name of Joseph Overbeck Anderson.

The Chief Justice said the papers were in order and he had much pleasure in admitting Mr. Anderson to the bar.

Mr. Anderson thanked his Lordship for his kindness.

IN APPELLATE JURISDICTION.

BEFORE THE FULL COURT.

LAI CHI CHIN AGAIN.

In the action Leung Shun Hing and Wong Tsui against the Tak Lee Loong firm it was decided by the Puisne Judge that Lai Chi Chin was a partner in the latter firm. Lai Chi Chin appealed against that decision and the appeal came before the Full Court which ordered a rehearing. The case was now heard de novo. The Hon. Mr. Pollock, K.C., instructed by Mr. F. X. d'Almeida a Castro, appeared for the plaintiffs, and Mr. M. Slade, instructed by Mr. G. K. Hall Brutton, of Messrs Brutton and Hett, appeared for the appellants.

The Hon. Mr. Pollock stated that when the action was recently before the Full Court his friend said he was prepared to bring forward fresh evidence and their Lordships directed a re-hearing of the issue to be taken before the Full Court. Mr. Pollock then proceeded to open the case for plaintiffs at length, the details of which have already been reported.

The hearing was adjourned.

HONGKONG ICE COMPANY.

A meeting of the shareholders in the Hongkong Ice Company, Ltd., was held yesterday at the office of the General Managers, Messrs. Jardine Matheson and Company. The Hon. Mr. H. Kewick presided and there were present Messrs. W. Parlane (manager), R. Sutherland, T. S. Forrest, C. H. Ross, L. N. Leefe, J. Barton, Ho Fook, Lo Cheung Shui, and E. G. Munro (secretary).

The SECRETARY having read the notice convening the meeting.

The CHAIRMAN said—Gentlemen. The report and accounts having been in your hands for some days past I propose to take them as read. Our sale of ice during the year 1907 shows a decrease of 483 tons as compared with 1906 figures, but this decrease was to be expected for during 1906 we had an exceptional demand from shipping at coast ports. The Company's plant and premises are all in excellent order. With a view to meeting threatened opposition from more than one quarter the General Managers considered it advisable to enter into an agreement with the Hongkong Milling Company Ltd. for the purchase of their surplus output of ice from the Junk Bay Flour Mills, such ice being guaranteed of equal purity and clearness to that manufactured at our own works. This arrangement obviated the necessity of extending our plant for some time to come, while the price agreed upon allowed us a fair margin of profit. It has been further arranged with the Hongkong Milling Company that in the event of competition arising, the price first current will be reduced so as to enable us to meet such competition. Before proposing the adoption of the report and accounts and answering so far as I am able any questions you may wish to put, I wish to refer to the early departure of Mr. Parlane, who has most ably and conscientiously filled the post of manager of our company for over twenty years past, and I propose that we should take this opportunity of recording our appreciation of his very valuable services. (Applause.)

There being no questions, the CHAIRMAN moved the adoption of the report, which was seconded by Mr. SUTHERLAND, and agreed to.

On the motion of Mr. FORREST, seconded by Mr. BARTON, Mr. A. E. Lowe was re-elected auditor.

The CHAIRMAN—That concludes the business of the meeting, gentlemen. Dividend warrants will be ready to-morrow.

SIR MATTHEW NATHAN ON EDUCATION OF NATIVES.

The Rev. John Dube, of the blood-royal of Zululand and a graduate of an American University, has created an industrial school at Oblang, near Phoenix Natal. Sir Matthew Nathan, the new Governor of Natal, opened a pithy speech he said: "I have read, and heard it said, that educating the natives industrially meant taking the bread out of the mouths of the natives. I do not believe a word of that. I thought to do a thing, the white man will be able to hold his own. When we have got the black man to do well, the white man will proceed to do better. I believe that every step upwards in the scale of civilisation taken by the black man, not only helps himself, but also helps the white man, in the country; therefore it is essential that the two races should live together in harmony." There are not many men in South Africa that would have dared to say as much. Sir Matthew is proving himself worthy of his Jewish origin.—*Imperial Review*.

THE HONGKONG HOTEL COMPANY, LIMITED.

The report of the Board of Directors to be presented at the ordinary meeting of shareholders to be held at the Company's Hotel, on March 7th reads:—

To the shareholders of the Hongkong Hotel Company, Limited.

Gentlemen,—In accordance with section 56 of the Articles of Association, the directors now beg to submit their report for the half-year ended 31st December, 1907.

ACCOUNTS.

The profit on working account amounted to \$89,292.35 as compared with \$83,959.18 for the corresponding period of 1906, being a decrease of \$5,333.17.

The profit and loss account, including the sum of \$10,925.88, brought forward from 30th June 1907, shows a credit balance of \$49,252.17, which, the directors recommend, should be apportioned as follows:—

To pay a dividend of 7 per cent for the half-year	\$42,000.00
To transfer to repairs and renewals account	7,000.00
To carry forward to new account	252.17
	\$49,252.17

DIRECTORS.

The Hon. Mr. E. Osborne retires by rotation, but offers himself for re-election.

AUDIT.

The accounts have been audited by Messrs. H. U. Jeffries and A. E. Lowe, C.A., who offer themselves for re-election.

W. HUTTON POTTS, Chairman.

PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT.

For the six months ending 31st December, 1907.

	\$	c.
To bad debts and refunds	292.63	
To Crown rent	545.92	
To fire insurance	2,563.20	
To debenture int. on \$500,000 at 3 per cent	15,000.00	
Less returned on debentures held by the Company	2,305.43	
To interest account	13,994.52	
To directors' and auditors' fees	6,845.05	
To repairs and renewals account, balance	3,900.00	
To balance to be appropriated as follows:	4,090.11	
To pay a dividend of 7 per cent	42,000.00	
To transfer to repairs and renewals account	7,000.00	
To carry forward to new account	252.17	
	\$91,867.36	

By balance from 30th June, 1907, \$73,634.50

Less dividend at 7 per cent on \$48,000.00

Less transferred to repairs and renewals account

Less transferred to furniture and fixtures account

By rents of shops and offices, old building

By rents of shops and offices, new buildings

By rents of hotel mansions

By dividends on shares in public companies

By scrip and transfer fees

By bad debts and refunds recovered

By profit on hotel working account for the six months ending 31st December, 1907

By balance from 30th June, 1907

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LOCAL SPORT.

ROYAL HONGKONG YACHT CLUB.

The eleventh Club race was sailed yesterday in a fresh north-easterly wind which, near the Lyseumoon Pass, fell to light airs, and resulted in perhaps the best racing of the season. The course was round the Lyseumoon Beacon, Kowloon Rocks, Meyers East Buoy, Lyseumoon Beacon, and Kowloon Rocks, all to port—144 miles. In the championship class, "Dione" (Hon. Mr. E. H. May) and "Vernon" (Mr. H. P. Tooker) allowed "Alisa" (Hon. Mr. H. Kewick) to lead. The starter's watch stopped after the ding of the first gun and the yachts were waiting to see what was going to be done when the starting gun went some 30 seconds late. "Dione" burst her main sheet in the line and lost considerably while getting the sheet reeved again. She succeeded however in catching her opponent off North Point, having stored a more southerly course. Soon afterwards "Alisa," sailing remarkably well in the able hands of Mr. A. Denison, took command, fairly outstriking her competitors in the smart breeze. She was first round the beacon, with "Dione" and "Vernon" close-up. On the run to Kowloon Rocks "Vernon" passed both the others and increased her lead by the time Meyers Buoy was reached. The order here was "Vernon," "Dione," "Alisa." On the beat to the Lyseumoon "Alisa," keeping a more southerly course, passed the two leaders and rounded the beacon with a substantial lead, "Dione" being second. "Dione" improved her position on the run to the Kowloon rock and rounded first. The times of finish were

	h.	m.	s.
Dione	2	15	5
Vernon	2	15	35
Alisa	2	15	43

"Alisa" thus won a keenly contested race. The marks in this class are now "Dione," "Vernon" and "Alisa." "Dione" wins the championship if she elects not to start in the last race, as with two yachts competing the marks are three points for first and one for second.

In the One Design class a great struggle was witnessed between "Kathleen" (Officers R.B. and "Colleen" (Hon. Mr. H. E. Pollock), "Bonita" (Mr. H. W. Bish) being the only other starter. "Colleen" led "Kathleen" round all the marks but the last one, the Kowloon Rock. Before reaching this "Kathleen," by a smart manoeuvre got the lead and won a very close race by the narrow margin of 25 seconds. Times

	h.	m.	s.
Kathleen	2	30	25
Colleen	2	30	50

"Bonita" thus won the first prize in her class, and "Colleen" the second.

HONGKONG COUNTRYMAN YACHT CLUB.

Elliot Cup Race for One Design and Handicap Classes.—The race for this Cup, presented by Mr. E. A. Elliot, was sailed over a course to Bokhara Rock Buoy and back, the handicap class allowing the One Design three minutes per knot from the limit boat. This is the first time the two classes have been included in the same race, and it was generally thought that the handicap had rather a soft thing on, but the reverse turned out to be the case, the smaller boats finishing well within their time limit.

There was a fresh N.E. breeze blowing at the start and in anticipation of a still stronger wind outside all the handicap class had two reefs in, and three of the smaller boats one. The start was a very good one, all the boats except "Tremors" (whose crew had not finished reefing) getting away together. On the beat to Cape Collette the One-Designs held their own, and at this point "Tourette" led the fleet from here to the Tathong rock. A nasty ground swell was met and the wind gradually dying away, the handicap class forged ahead. From Tathong to the Bokhara Rock the breeze freshened and the flood tide making, the swell gradually lessened, at the mark "Lorothy" led with "Carees," "Astoria," "Doreen," "Doris," "Ioan," "Ariel," "Tourette" and "Gael" in the order named. On the beat back to Collette, the handicap increased their lead, and "Gael," passed all the One-Designs except "Astoria." From here to the finishing line spinnakers were carried with the wind well aft and increasing considerably inside the pass, the boats finishing in the following times

	h.	m.	s.
Dorothy	3	6	5
Carees	3	15	50
Doreen	3	26	10
Astoria	3	35	20
Gael	3	49	53
Ioan	3	49	57
Doris	3	51	12
Ariel	3	52	21
Tourette	3	52	30

"Tremors" did not finish.

	h.	m.	s.
Eva	3	52	30
Fas	3	52	30

	h.	m.	s.
1 Astoria	2	47	33
2 Gael	3	02	06
3 Ioan	3	03	11
4 Doris	3	03	25
5 Ariel	3	04	33
6 Tourette	3	04	43
7 Dorothy	3	06	05
8 Carees	3	15	04
9 Doreen	3	25	02

"Astoria" thus winning the cup on her time allowance.

MESSRS. BRUCE, PEBBLES & CO., LD.

The N.C. Daily News of Feb. 26th says:—We understand that the firm of Messrs. Bruce, Pebbles & Co., Ltd. has gone into liquidation. It has been known for some time past that the firm has been suffering from insolvency, which has handicapped it in respect of the large contracts that it has now lost in the subject has reached Shanghai. It is presumed that no time will be lost in reconstructing the Company. Of course this temporary embarrassment will not affect local tramway construction or the fulfilment of other contracts in hand.

HAMBURG.

[FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.]

4th February.

AN IMPORTANT BOOK.

Herr Rudolf Martin whose books on the financial situation of Russia created considerable sensation at the time of their publication two or three years ago, has lately contributed an article to the "Zukunft" on "Preparedness for war and the present monetary crisis." After a careful examination of the cost of the Russo-Japanese war, and after comparing it with that incurred by Germany in her war with France in 1870/1 he comes to the conclusion that in bringing the former to a close gold was a more potent agent than the sword and that wars will in future become more and more costly and a question of finance. A nation that is not in a strong financial position should therefore exercise great reserve in its foreign policy; Germany for instance, which is in the midst of a monetary crisis that may lead to more serious economic disturbances is ill prepared for war. Fortunately for her the crisis is an international one and not confined to this country but nowhere have its effects been felt more intensely. It therefore behooves us to inquire whether any blame attaches to her in the matter. A nation with so rapidly increasing a population and so great an expansion of commercial, industrial and agricultural enterprise should not neglect to make timely provision for the growing need of capital and the question arises whether proper use has been made of the means at its disposal. The causes of the general scarcity of money are threefold: the collapse of Russia, over-speculation in the United States, and the decline in the value of Transvaal securities.

The Russian catastrophe, dating from the commencement of the war with Japan, has materially impaired the purchasing power of Europe and it must have been evident to every keen observer of the economic conditions prevailing at the time that the extraordinary revival of trade then in progress in western Europe and more particularly in Germany must at no distant date be brought to a standstill through it. Before the war western Europe had invested from 12 to 14 milliard francs in Russian 4 per cent. stock which finally stood at 101 and 104½ and are now quoted according to the different issues from 71 to 81 after having touched 88 in July 1906. The decline may on an average be put down at 25 per cent. implying a loss of at least 3 milliard francs to the nations interested. So enormous a loss of capital would alone have sufficed to check the extraordinary boom then going on in trade even without the further withdrawal of 3,7 milliard francs which Russia had borrowed in Western Europe since the commencement of hostilities in order to meet the exigencies of the war. Of these 500 million Marks were raised in Germany in 1905 at the nominal rate of interest of 4½ per cent, which considering the price of issues, 95, works out equal to 4,6 per cent. provided Russia fulfils her promise of redeeming the loan at par on July 1st 1911. It may have appeared a profitable stroke of business to bankers at the time, but did it still look so when the bank rate stood at 1½ per cent. not many weeks ago? Should Russia be in a position to repay the amount in 1911 this influx of capital will be a great boon to Germany, but supposing the same tightness were to prevail in the money markets of the world in the first half of that year which we have been and are still experiencing, she will hardly be able to find the money. Clearly therefore Germany acted injudiciously in allowing half a milliard of her working capital to be sent abroad on the eve of a great commercial and industrial revival, particularly as in 1902 she had already lent the government of the Tsar 393 millions at 4 per cent. The withdrawal of nearly 900 million Marks in the course of four years at a time of growing industrial requirements and in the face of a rapidly increasing population, naturally intensified the scarcity of available capital, especially of gold. If Germany were to hand over the whole of her national wealth estimated at 215 milliard Marks to a foreign government even at 5 per cent. she would be doomed to starvation, the greater therefore the folly of parting with nearly a milliard during a period of extraordinary commercial and industrial activity. The tension became still more severe when Russia in the spring of the following year obtained a further loan from Western Europe to the amount this time of 2½ milliards of francs; 1200 millions were taken up by France, 330 by England, 165 by Austria-Hungary and 55 by Holland, Germany having been sensible enough to decline her co-operation on the plea that better use of the money could be made at home. The proceeds of this gigantic loan were paid over to the government of the Tsar by instalments and as the successive payments were made the prices of all securities in the stock exchanges of Europe steadily gave way, the continuous outflow of capital on such a scale reducing the purchasing power of the western nations with regard to their own government stock and industrial shares more and more. Thus the Russian loans issued since the year 1902 increased the scarcity of money which the heavy decline in Russian stock had originated. By the beginning of last year Western Europe was not only the poorer by three milliard francs due to the depreciation of these securities, but had actually permitted another 3,7 milliard to be taken out of the market for the benefit of the great northern States. The consequence was that they were no longer able to absorb large offerings of other securities, such as those of the Transvaal and of the United States and although the drop in these values may be mainly due to other causes, there can be little doubt that the financial condition of the western exchange helped to accelerate it.

DEPRECIATED SHARES.

Messrs Goetz & Co. in their annual circular for 1908 state the depreciation from December 1904 to December 1906 in the value of the shares of 163 South African mining financial companies to have amounted to 28 milliard Marks of which one milliard may be safely put down to European account.

As to the crisis in the United States it must have been plain to everybody that over-speculation and over-capitalization, the natural outcome of the character of the people, could not go on for ever, but that the reaction should have been so sweeping a one was due in a great measure to the want of holding power in Western Europe. Large amounts of American securities had been bought by the different countries at high prices and their own needs obliged them to part with just as the decline set in on the other side of the Atlantic.

It is estimated that Germany alone has lost no less than 800 millions Marks in Russian bonds since 1903, 200 millions in Transvaal shares and 100 million in American securities or altogether 1,100 millions besides which 500 millions have gone out of the country in payment of the Russian loan of 1905. Germany's purchasing power has thus been reduced by 1,600 millions whilst the losses incurred by England and France are probably considerably greater, there is little room for doubt therefore that the present precarious state of the money market, which may eventually end in a general economic crisis, is mainly attributable to these enormous losses.

If Germany had declined to accommodate Russia in 1903 and 1905—she would not have 900 millions more at her disposal and if in stead France had felt bound to furnish the amount, her financial preparedness for war would at present be so much impaired.

PARLIAMENTARY NOTES BY MAIL.

THE OPIUM TRADE. Captain Craig (Down, E.) asked the Secretary of State for India what steps the Government had taken to give effect to the unanimous vote of the House that the Indo-Chinese opium trade is morally indefensible, and requesting the Government to take steps for bringing it to a speedy close.

Mr. Morley (Montrose, Berghs).—On July 29 last, in reply to a question in this House, I explained the proposals which His Majesty's Government had communicated to the Chinese Government for carrying out, in co-operation with that Government, the policy of restriction. I am glad to say that the Chinese Government have accepted with expressions of gratitude our scheme for a progressive reduction of the export of opium from India. Papers on the subject will be laid on the table by my right hon. friend the Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs in the course of a few days.

Sir H. Cotton (Nottingham, E.) asked the Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs whether he was aware that, in accordance with the Chinese opium edict, all opium dens in the native city at Shanghai, to the number of 700, had been closed, and that no steps had been taken to close 1,600 opium dens in the international settlement, which was under the control of the Shanghai Municipal Council; and whether His Majesty's Government would adopt measures to ensure that the anti-opium campaign in China was not discouraged and thwarted by the reluctance of the municipal council to co-operate with the Chinese authorities.

Mr. Runciman.—The facts as regards the closing of the opium saloons in the native city at Shanghai and their retention in the international settlement are as stated in the question. The municipal council is responsible to the ratepayers of the settlement, and is not under the control of His Majesty's Government. The council has decided not to issue any further licences, but it is understood that it does not consider it would be in the public interest to pay the rates, pending reference to the ratepayers at their annual meeting, which takes place in March next. His Majesty's Government will use all the influence in their power to ensure that bona fide efforts on the part of the Chinese authorities to diminish the opium habit in China are not thwarted but encouraged.

PUBLIC LAND IN THE MALAY STATES. Mr. Widdowson (Newcastle-under-Lyme) asked the Under-Secretary for the Colonies whether his attention has been drawn to the alienation of 1,331,157 acres of public land in the Federated Malay States up to the end of the year 1906; whether land so alienated was put up to public auction or sold privately; if put up to public auction, what notice was given of sale; and was a reasonable reserve price put upon the land; and would he consider the advisability of stopping the permanent alienation of public land and minerals.

Mr. Churchill (Manchester, N.W.).—The hon. member's figures are correct. There has been great demand for land for the purpose of planting rubber. Land may be alienated with or without auction, but mining land is almost invariably put up to auction. In such cases a reserve-price is fixed by the Resident. I do not know what notice is given of a sale by auction, but the Residents may be trusted to see that sufficient notice is given to secure the necessary competition. Agricultural land is not, as a rule, sold by auction, but is granted in return for the payment of a premium, which is fixed according to the class of land, and for an annual quit rent, which may be periodically revised at intervals of 3 years. Mining land is granted on lease for a term of years and not in perpetuity. For further details, I would refer the hon. member to the Land and Mining Enactments of the Federated Malay States, which will be found in the library of this House. The Secretary of State sees no reason at present for altering a system which is understood to work well and has attracted much-needed capital to the Federated Malay States.

THE RUSSO-JAPANESE WAR.

Mr. Pike Pease (Darlington) asked the Secretary for Foreign Affairs if there were any outstanding cases with regard to compensation for damage or loss incurred by British ships during the Russo-Japanese war.

Mr. Runciman.—My right hon. friend regrets to state that most of these cases are still outstanding. Though His Majesty's Government have repeatedly called attention to the case of the Knight Commander, and pressed for a reply to their proposal that the matter should be referred to arbitration, no answer has, down to the present time, been received from the Russian Government. His Majesty's Government are also awaiting replies to communications they have addressed to the Imperial Government in regard to the case of the Calchas, and the claims arising in connexion with the detention of the Peninsular and Oriental steamer Malacca in the Red Sea. The cases of the Hipsang, St. Klida, Ikthoma, and Oldhamia are still pending, in various stages, before the Russian Prize Courts.

Mr. Belloe (Salford, S.).—Do I understand our Government is pressing for compensation or damages in the case of the Malacca?

Mr. Runciman.—What our Government has done is to put forward the claims which have been made in respect of the detention of the Malacca in the Red Sea.

THE MURDERED MONARCH.

No one whose duty it was to record the Royal doings when the King and Queen of Portugal last visited this country, could fail to note the extreme cordiality which characterised the relations between them and our own King and Queen. King Carlos was a man of open and winning personality, who seemed entirely to brush aside all the formalities surrounding his exalted rank, and appeared always as the frank and hearty man who was known to be rejoicing in the open life, keen on all kinds of sport.

During his last stay at Windsor three years ago he was never happier than when out shooting in the Great Forest. He was surrounded by sportsmen, all of whom were first-class, but he held his own with splendid skill, and not infrequently two birds fell right and left to his gun. At the time when our Majesties were at Chateaufort, King Carlos, in spite of the heavy snowfall, would not be denied the shooting in which he excelled.

Queen Amelia's beauty and grace made a lasting impression on all who saw her both on the occasion of the Royal visits and during her recent stay at Wood Norton for the Orleans wedding. One can well believe the story that the last King fell in love with her through seeing her portrait when as Crown Prince he was on duty calling on the wife of the French Ambassador. "What a charming young lady," he exclaimed, as he looked at the photograph. "Yes," answered the Ambassador, "and she is as charming as she looks. She is the Princess Amelia of Orleans." The next day the Princess was on his way to London, and a fortnight later the Royal engagement was officially announced.

Full of animal spirit, ready at any moment to throw off the elegant but tedious trappings of a monarch, King Carlos delighted in the work of the snowfall to bombard his representative at the English Court with snowballs. Those who saw the amusing incident will remember the laughter which greeted the Marquis de Soveral's astonishment as the pellets of Royal making fell thick and fast upon the ambassadorial back and shoulders. Hesitating at first whether he should retaliate, the Portuguese Minister was soon joining in the game with the utmost zest. The same was dressed in the scarlet uniform of the Gloucestershire Light Infantry, of which he was Colonel-in-Chief, the Portuguese Sovereign paid what Kats has willed was to be his last visit to the City. He was high spirits and good temper personified, and the cordial speech of affection for our reigning house and of goodwill towards us as a people, delivered in excellent English in the Guildhall, enhanced his popularity among those quick to recognise the fine character and sterling qualities of the Royal couple.

SOCIALISTS' ATTITUDE. Remarkable scenes were witnessed in the German Reichstag and the French Chamber of Deputies when the Socialists declined to participate in expressions of sympathy and regret for the assassinations of King Carlos and Prince Louis Philippe. The German Socialists walked out of the Reichstag, while the French Chamber was a scene of indescribable confusion.

BERLIN, February 3rd. The German Socialists branded themselves as the friends and allies of cruel assassins in the Reichstag this afternoon by demonstratively walking out of the Chamber when the President, Count Stolberg, called upon the members of the Imperial Legislature to stand up as a mark of respect and sympathy for the family of the murdered King and Crown Prince of Portugal.

In view of the fact that German Socialists persistently profess their belief in peaceful methods, and remembering that they are accepted, so to speak, as models by Socialists in other countries, their demonstration of sympathy for the assassins of King Carlos and Prince Louis Philippe must be recorded as a significant exposure of the real character of the international Socialist movement. Count Stolberg, in opening the sitting, said:—

"As you all now, a terrible crime, unprecedented in history, was perpetrated in Lisbon on Saturday, whereby two fine men, father and son, the King and Crown Prince of Portugal, were swept out of existence."

"The nation with which we live in friendship is plunged into the deepest mourning. You have risen from your seats to indicate your sincere sympathy and righteous indignation. I record this officially."

Before Count Stolberg had concluded his first sentence, and as some of the seats of his address became evident, forty Socialist deputies rose as one man and left the Chamber.

They were headed by Herr Bubl, the chief leader of the party, and Herr Singer, his aged lieutenant.

As soon as Count Stolberg had concluded, and ordinary business began, the Socialist deputies walked in again and took their seats. Their demonstration of sympathy with the Lisbon assassins constitutes an overwhelming indictment of Socialism, which thus stands condemned by its own exponents.

PARIS, February 3rd. The Socialists in the Chamber of Deputies gave a remarkable demonstration in support of the assassins of King Carlos and the Crown Prince of Portugal this morning.

When the Chamber met, M. Fichon, Minister for Foreign Affairs, rose, and in asking his colleagues to join with him in a message of condolence to the Queen of Portugal and to the young King made use of the phrase, "The murder can find no excuse in any French heart."

At these words M. Sembat, one of the Socialists, rose in his seat, and shouted, "It was brought about by the dictatorship."

The Chamber was immediately in an uproar. Socialist members shrieked insults, members of the Centre and the Right retorted indignantly, and shook their fists in their opponents' faces. M. Sembat, who has a powerful voice, made it heard above the tumult, and again said:—"Yes, the cause of the murder was an absolutely inexorable dictatorship." He then asked leave to speak, but the President of the Chamber refused, and a remark from the Centre that not a Socialist had a right to glorify a murder raised another storm of excitement.

M. Fichon finally succeeded in obtaining silence, and was loudly applauded when he exclaimed:—"Allow me to say, if only for the sake of this Parliament's honourable name, that we are unanimous in our horror and reprobation of this murder. The Government has sent its condolences to Queen Amelia and the royal family, and I feel certain that in so doing they have expressed the feelings both of the country and of the Chamber."

Count Stolberg then delivered a dignified speech and the applause which greeted it, the uproar and the interruption on the Socialist benches continued. One deputy shrieked out that King Carlos and his son were nothing but bourgeois after all, and another distinguished himself by the remark that King Carlos died the victim of an "accident of labor."

Seven Socialist deputies laid on the table an amendment to M. Fichon's motion, worded as follows:—

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The president refused to read this amendment to the Chamber, and the incident closed.

A similar incident occurred at the Hotel de Ville when a motion of condolence was placed on the table. The president refused to accept the motion, and the members of the Council jumped up, shrieking, "Greeting to the Portuguese Republicans," or "To the victims of the murderers!" according to their political opinion. Eventually the president was heard to explain that he had refused the motion because a message of condolence had already been sent.

LONDON SCHOOL MANAGER AND THE REGICIDES.

The Rev. Clement Smith moved at a meeting of the Central London school managers that a vote of condolence and sympathy be accorded to the Queen of Portugal.

A Mr. Evans objected on the ground that he believed King Carlos abolished the Constitution. The chairman interrupted, but Mr. Evans continued to express his disapprobation, and said that in passing a vote of condolence they seemed to sanction every action of the Portuguese royal family and Prime Minister irrespective of the feelings of the people.

The chairman having expressed his regret that such a discussion should have arisen, the vote was carried.

RAMIE AT SHANGHAI AND HONGKONG.

The first general meeting of the Eastern Fibre Co., Ltd. (to comply with the Hongkong Ordinance) was held at Shanghai on February 26th. Mr. E. S. Little (chairman) made the following interesting statement:—

"In the first place, I will call your attention to the fact that within three months after the registration of the company actual work was in progress, which for a new concern is almost a record. Very unfortunately for the company Mr. McGregor Smith, senior, died in Hongkong before any work in bulk could be put through. He had planned to return from Hongkong in order to start the works and see the scheme through to a success. We were therefore, deprived of his experience and thrown back upon our own resources. When we came to actual operation, we found that it was necessary to modify many of the mechanical appliances, and a considerable amount of time has been occupied in making experiments as to the best method of handling the fibre in bulk. Many of the difficulties have been surmounted, while others are in a fair way of being solved. As regards the percentage of loss and cost of treatment, the works manager is of opinion that after the factory has run under ordinary working conditions at least six months, treating various qualities of grass from different districts, the above points will be settled with definite precision and the exact rate ascertained. From the fibre already treated the indications point favourably to results being as already stated in the prospectus of the company."

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The question of export duty is occupying the attention of your Directors and is being taken up by the proper authorities in Peking. Bulk samples have been prepared and sent home. 180 lb. have been sold as a sample and forwarded to America, 134 lb. on the same terms to Germany, and about 1,300 lb. have been sent to England. These samples will arrive about a month from this date. In due course reports on the same will be forthcoming. In the opinion of the works manager subsequent lots will be of a better quality than the lots now sent forward, as these are the result of trial tests only. The work has been greatly delayed by a lack of the various mill supplies required in the process. It necessarily takes some time to arrange for these. The directors have received communications from all over the world in reference to ramie, and inquiries for yarn quite beyond possibility of the works in their present shape to fill. The following extract from a letter dated London, January 27, 1908, is quoted for general information:—"That a flax is 'perfectly degummed' can only be ascertained after spinning, weaving and dyeing, and keeping the cloth. On this subject I have some information and have bought it very cheaply. What I wanted is yarn. If you will turn your flax into yarn your market is certain, as the demand for ramie yarn is far in excess of the possible supply of all the existing ramie spinning mills. Having created a demand for ramie fabrics the crucial question is, how to get the yarn to weave with, that is in any quantity; for orders running into hundreds of thousands of yards and absorbing hundreds of tons of yarn. Who is to spin flax? How many ramie combs are there in England? I think I can tell you. I have studied ramie very thoroughly and can weave almost anything in ramie and have woven about 100,000 yards of gross goods, tapestries, muslins and canons of immense breaking strain, for which the orders are likely to be very large. From information received from various quarters it would appear that there are many times more buyers of ramie yarn than ramie flax. We are advised that there may be some little difficulty at the outset in establishing a market for our product in the form of flax, but that if the flax were turned into yarn, it could readily be sold, as there is already a big market and an ever increasing demand for yarn. We are very strongly urged to carry the fibre on to the yarn stage. This would require a considerable increase of capital to lay down a spinning plant. The estimates of probable returns to be obtained from a ramie spinning plant are certainly very tempting. The directors, however, are not prepared to advise this action at present, but prefer to wait for advice from home based upon the bulk samples sent forward. Owing to the fact that there are no machines in the Far East that can treat ramie flax, we are unable to test the product as we go along, which is a great disadvantage. We cannot, therefore, tell whether the flax already prepared is in a satisfactory state for the machines, or whether the fibre requires to be treated to a more or less extent. Two local experts in

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cotton and silk fibres have examined samples from the bulk which have been bleached and combed by hand and state that the product appears to be perfectly degummed and the strength of the fibre unimpaired. Samples examined under a microscope bear out this opinion. We must patiently wait for reports from home and must be guided in the future treatment of the fibre by the nature of those reports. The works are now running daily on a small scale and will not be increased to full output until we know definitely the requirements of the home markets. Sufficient raw material has been bought or contracted for to keep the company afloat on a small scale until the new crop comes up, by which time we shall be prepared to enter into definite contracts for the supply of flax in large quantities. A cablegram has been received from London this morning in reference to the bulk samples which were sent by Siberian mail, January 26, which reads as follows:—"B" is a very good sample and well degummed flax, whose fibre is practically unimpaired. It is worth c.f. London about 8d. to 10d. per lb. Full particulars follow by mail February 19. The sample marked "B" was a bleached lot drawn from the bulk which is now en route to Europe."

THE WATCH CLUB BUBBLE.

Further developments are promised in connection with the Watch Club. A civil suit has now been instituted by Messrs. J. Ullmann & Co. against Mr. Iron Thos. Jones, as Manager of the Shanghai Watch Club, for the payment of \$115,75, the value of watches, etc., alleged to have been supplied for the purpose of the Club. Thus the position to day in Watch Club fiasco is that two suits are pending against Mr. H. J. Black and one against Mr. Thomas, who has already stood his trial on a criminal charge. It is unfortunate that there should be these complications in regard to the fixing of responsibility for the concern, which lead to prolonging the Club's inglorious existence at a time when the community would fain be rid of it altogether. In spite of the strictures passed upon the whole business of the Club by His Majesty's Judge, who, it may be pointed out, merely confirmed the verdict of American tribunals on the same subject, it has been announced (with what authority is not known, but the statement has not been denied) that the Club is to be wound up by Mr. H. J. Black by permission from the United States Consulate-General. We have, therefore, the following anomalous state of affairs—an admitted lottery denounced by the Judge of His Majesty's Supreme Court as "a rotten and fraudulent concern," a Municipal by-law prohibiting lotteries except under special licence; permission (?) given by the United States Consulate-General to re-open in the Settlement the very Watch Lottery that has been denounced locally and is denounced from the United States and its dependencies. Some method should be devised to out this Gordian knot without delay, and as its origin is clearly defined, it were well that it should be dealt with by the authorities concerned.—N.C. Daily News.

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A unique monument to a French astronomer's daring ingenuity is that crowning the summit of Mont Blanc, at a height of 15,780 feet. The observatory of Prof. Janssen, finished in 1893, is a two-story truncated pyramid, with a base measuring 11 by 31 yards and double walls of wood and canvas, and the structure—weighing 50 tons—has no foundation except the permanent snowcap of the mountain, which is at least 18 yards thick. To guard against settling, a rigid sub base was provided, with jackscrews for levelling. The latest inspection has shown a slight movement of the building, with practically no settling, and the success of the remarkable experiment has put to shame the prophets of disaster. The observatory is visited only at intervals of many months. It has a fine telescope, with a two-foot mirror for astronomical work; and a registering meteorograph, automatically records the barometric pressure, temperature, humidity, and velocity and direction of the wind for periods of eight or nine months at a time. A meteorograph to give a continuous record for a much longer time is now being worked out.

As an illustration of how chemistry is aiding plant improvement, Prof. H. A. Wobber cites the production of beet sugar, which has grown from a hopeless beginning into one of the world's chief industries. For one ton of sugar, 18 tons of beets were required in 1835, but roots have been so developed by selection and analyses that only 7½ tons were necessary in 1894, and even less will suffice now. Of the 13,000,000 tons of sugar produced in the world in 1905, beets supplied 7,000,000 tons.

Steel shot so hard as to take the place of diamonds for some kind of drilling are made by spraying molten steel into cold water, chilling it instantly.

When a glass cylinder of pond water with a wisp of pressed hay at the bottom is placed in sunshine for a few weeks, a reddish-violet deposit begins at the bottom and slowly extends upward. This deposit is made of purple bacteria, which grow best when a film of oil on the water keeps out air, and are especially remarkable for requiring much light and little oxygen. In a recent study of both moving and inert organisms of this kind, Prof. H. Moloch has found that if a colony of an active species is placed on a microscope slide in strong light, the bacteria scatter in all directions when the observer places on the center of the slide a single alga—about 1/500 of an inch in diameter—from the green deposit on trees. Brought into the shade, the bacteria fill the center of the slide within half a minute. The repulsion is due to exhalation of an infinitesimal amount of oxygen by the alga in sunlight, and serves as an extremely delicate test for traces of oxygen far too minute for chemical detection. The sensitiveness to light as well as oxygen is marvelous. Corker-shaped bacteria brought under a magnifying power of 300 diameters are seen to rotate and dart to and fro in strong light, but cutting off the illumination for a fraction of a second causes a frantic and astonishing reversal of motion.

The total number of patents taken out in the world since the beginning of patent laws is found by A. Rich, from French statistics, to reach 2,500,000, of which 2,200,000 have been granted in the last fifty years. The government fees have amounted to \$146,000,000, of which the United States has received \$56,000,000; but publication, legal study, etc., bring the cost up to at least \$4,000,000,000. Unsuccessful inventions have probably brought a loss of \$2,500,000,000. Losses from infringement suits, promoters, etc., are estimated to have reached \$15,000,000,000 in sixty years, and 90 per cent of patents have reaped little profit.

Special schools for backward pupils now exist in 116 German cities. Berlin has 31 of the 203 schools, and the total number of pupils enrolled is not less than 13,100.

Synthetic camphor, the production of which has been a problem among chemists for many years, seems to be at last a commercial product, but the high price of turpentine oil may prevent it from coming quickly into use. At least four processes have been devised for making this product from pine, which forms seventy per cent of turpentine oil. By chemical treatment and oxidation, the pinene is given the chemical structure and chemical properties of the natural camphor, but with different reaction in polarized light and somewhat less fragrance. About ninety per cent of the world's camphor is used for making celluloid, for which the synthetic material is claimed to be perfectly suitable.

The visible trails left by meteors as they shoot across the sky have been investigated by Prof. C. C. Trowbridge, who concludes that they are clouds of self-luminous gas combined with very minute particles of meteoric dust. As these trails are usually seen at heights of 50 to 60 miles—seldom or never above 85 or below 45 miles—it appears that their formation must depend upon encountering a certain degree of atmospheric density or pressure. The trails are often visible for ten to twenty minutes, and usually contain a volume of several cubic miles.

The Cooper-Hewitt mercury vapor lamp is a large glass tube in which the vapor is made to glow by the passage of electric current. An important improvement is claimed by Dr. Kuch in the use of tubes of quartz, which can be made much smaller, give increased efficiency by permitting higher temperature, and after a

time yield a yellow or whiter light in place of the objectionable green. For 110 volts the glass tubes are about 40 inches long and 1½ inches in diameter, but a quartz lamp of the same voltage requires a tube not more than 7 inches long and about half an inch in diameter.

THE "TATSU MARU."

DETAILED ACCOUNT OF THE SEIZURE.
The following, according to the "Japan Mail," is the outline of a letter from Mr. Terumino, captain of the "Tatsu Maru," addressed to the Japanese firm of Kobe, the owner of the ship, which gives a detailed account of the seizure of the ship by Chinese warships at Macao.

The "Tatsu Maru" arrived at Macao a little before noon of the 5th instant. About half-past two in the afternoon a steam-boat of the Atake firm, the owner of her cargo, with clerks on board came steaming toward the "Tatsu Maru" along with cargo-boats when suddenly four Chinese gunboats made their appearance and surrounded the steamer. They only allowed the clerk of the firm to go on board the ship. Meanwhile, a Chinese commander came on board and stated that though the steamer was in possession of the certificate issued by the Portuguese authorities at Macao the Chinese Government was informed that he was bound for Macao laden with a cargo of 134 cases of arms and ammunition, the consignee being Chinese and the commander had been ordered by the Consul of Canton to stop the unloading of her cargo. At the same time two Customs officials and some twenty blue-jackets boarded the steamer. The commander also said that if the steamer was lying at anchor in Macao territorial waters he would not be in the capacity to make any objection whatever, but as long as she was at anchor in Chinese territorial waters the ship had to obey the command of the Chinese authorities. Now the Macao territorial water is limited extent and the depth very shallow, scarcely reaching two fathoms. So the steamer cast anchor at Macao anchorage pointed out in the chart, which, however, the Chinese insisted to be Chinese territorial waters. The steamer having a draft of more than 23 ft. and being laden to the full could not make for the shore any nearer beyond the present station which measured four fathoms. It was no less impossible for her to go in Macao territorial waters, only two fathoms in depth. Though the captain was desirous of negotiating with the consignee no steam-boat would dare to approach the ship apparently for fear of the Chinese warships. There were more than ten passengers on board the steamer, who on account of the delayed arrival were in need of provisions. They were anxious to make land for the purchase of provisions but the Chinese would not permit them to launch a boat and so they could do nothing in such circumstances. No objection whatever would be listened to by the Chinese and should the steamer dare to weigh anchor or disobey their command the Chinese threatened to send her to the bottom in an instant. Under the situation the captain came to the final conclusion to follow the Chinese to Canton. According to the commander the Chinese authorities were informed from Kobe prior to the departure of the "Tatsu Maru" that the steamer would unload those arms and ammunition at Macao which were to go to the hands of the native revolutionists through a Chinese merchant. It was surprising to note that the commander was informed of the particulars relating the contract between the consignee and the owner of the steamer.

According to a further report the arms and ammunition on board the "Tatsu Maru" were to be purchased by the Kuang Hs, a large Chinese firm dealing in arms and ammunition, and a few other Chinese firms in Macao. It is not seldom the case that articles of war are imported there from Japan. When any steamer laden with arms and ammunition arrived at the port the Macao authorities would dispatch a warship under whose surveillance the cargo had to be removed to boats stored in the warehouses belonging to the authorities for a time during which the authorities would make full investigations as to the purchasers of the cargo and then deliver. That despite the fact that the "Tatsu Maru" went through the proper procedure the Chinese authorities unlawfully seized the steamer is supposed to be owing to the secret information, as some Chinese merchants in Japan who happened to witness the steamer taking in her cargo for Hongkong at Kobe mistook the arms and ammunition for smuggled articles.

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